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An Edict *or* Decree *of the Goddeſs of* DULNESS *tending to the preſervation of order and advancement of Induſtry in the ſeveral branches of Poetry.*

WHEREAS there hath of late been an univerſal complaint of the great ſcarcity of wit and barrenneſs of invention within this our Metropolis whereby there hath been and ſtill continueth to be a terrible dearth of poetical proviſion and lack of learned nouriſhment which misfortune is chiefly imputed to a very ſmall number of covetous and evil-minded perſons who having monopolized the ſaid commodities and thereby deprived others of our ſubjects from any poſſibility of trading therein; and being of a moſt perſecuting temper and uncharitable diſpoſition they the ſaid wholeſale dealers in wit have thought fit to abſcond and withdraw themſelves (with all their effects being the chief wealth of the nation) into a weſtern iſland and other parts remote beyond the ſeas to the great diſcomfort of thoſe who abide within our ſaid cities and ſuburbs and who by reaſon of the great fogs perpetually intervening cannot poſſibly receive any elucidation rareſaction or ſatisfaction from thoſe places to which the ſaid Tramontanes are retired. *And Whereas* the only perſon now left among us who is well known to have a very large ſtock of wit yet remaining in his hands (for reaſons which altho' many people gueſs at are really known to no man but himſelf) hath thought fit, either thro' pride or humility to refuſe the laurel when offered him, and either thro' modeſty or ſpleen hath neglected all praiſes that are beſtowed upon him, and having accumulated a vaſt maſs of wit hath long concealed and ſtill doth conceal himſelf, and like, Willa-whiſp, ſhines from obſcure and unknown places, and dealeth out the ſame in a very irregular manner ſo penuriouſly and in ſuch ſmall parcels as may not afford a ſufficient conſumption thereof or proportionable to the great demand for the ſame: *And Whereas* it hath been made appear to us upon the ſolemn aſſurances of ſeveral unhappy wretches diſtinguiſhed by no other titles than that of minor poets and whoſe individual names have never yet been ſeen or heard of who have alſo preferred their bill in our Honourable Court containing many remonſtrances on behalf of themſelves and others their half-ſtarved fellow-ſufferers and among other things ſetting forth That altho' none of them want inclination to be wits and poets And That notwithſtanding all of them are equally deſirous to be eſteemed as ſuch and admired accordingly And to that purpoſe that altho' they or ſome of them have been at very great expences in reprinting their works in a new edition with additions in the neateſt manner of binding gilding lettering on the back &c. &c. (not to mention perpetual puffs concerning them more familiarly termed advertiſements) together with all other lawful and commendable means in order to decoy and invite the eyes and attentions of the Literati. *Yet now ſo it is* And ſuch is their unhappy condition That their performances are ſlighted, little regarded and never called for And that the chief objection to them is That they have not thoſe neceſſary ingredients of wit and invention which being the only proper ſalt to poetical food are very requiſite to add an agreeable reliſh and ſavour to their and each of their ſeveral and reſpective works which objection the ſaid complainants by their bill acknowledge to be well founded but in anſwer thereto inſiſt that they cannot employ what they are not in the poſſeſſion of and cannot poſſeſs any part thereof the ſame being ſeized in manner aforeſaid by thoſe enormous gluttons whoſe loſe ſheets are conſtantly ſought after and peruſed more ſolemnly than the bible Therefore to have a ſatisfaction againſt the ſaid poetical leeches and vitſuckers and to be put into a condition whereby they might receive a comfortable ſubſiſtence and employ their ſenſual and intellectual faculties at one and the ſame time and that their bodies might no longer be meerly air-pumps and to be further relieved was the ſcope of the bill *Now know ye* That we having of late aſſumed the abſolute government of the ſaid Metropolis in all ſpeculative matters and being of our wonted clemency inclined to ſupport learning therein Moreover having deeply reflected That there is no more wit remaining but what is veſted in a few private perſons And being reſolved to ſupply the deficiency thereof with ſomething very near as good or which may ſerve inſtead thereof And having taken the ſad circumſtances of the ſaid complainants into our proper conſideration And having ſolemnly called before us the ſaid vagrants (who altho' thrice ſummoned did not think fit to appear by the time limited or at any time ſince and are therefore outlawed or rather outwitted according to the cuſtom of our Court as the ſame hath been time out of mind) Upon hearing what was alledged on the part of the ſaid complainants and upon ſolemn debate of the matter and for the further better and more effectual remedying of the ſaid grievances we do order and decree as followeth.

Firſt to prevent vain ſmatterers and inſufficient pretenders it is ordered That all and every perſon or perſons of what ſex age denomination or profeſſion ſoever who are or pretend to be either wits witlings orators haranguers poets or ſcriblers do ſend a liſt of their reſpective names and places of abode to our Secretary of Grub-ſtreet to be by him entred on the records of our Court or they or any of them refuſing or neglecting ſo to do ſhall be deprived *ab officio & beneficio* and never more be ſuffered to practice in any of the aforeſaid capacities But that all perſons ſo entring themſelves ſhall then and from thenceforth be reputed to have taken their degrees and ſhall be at liberty to diſembogue themſelves of their poetical loads at any time and in any manner under the reſtrictions and limitations herein after mentioned.

Secondly towards the better employment of our ſupernumerary poets and for the better ſubſiſtence of the complainants and others who labour under the like misfortune *It is hereby ordered and decreed* That two perſons be appointed to ſerve as poets in each pariſh ward or precinct where they ſhall reſide And to furniſh the ſame with all neceſſary inſtruction or information To write occaſionally on births chriſtenings marriages and funerals to compoſe the bell-man's verſes &c. &c. within their own proper precincts but ſo as not to treſpaſs upon their neighbours or even to know what cataſtrophe's happen beyond the limits of their own juriſdiction. And we do declare That this our Order and Decree ſhall bind every poet in each pariſh ward and precinct in or about the cities of London and Weſtminſter and that whoſoever ſhall be taken *ipſo facto* extending his fame beyond himſelf ſhall be deemed a renegado and puniſhed according to the laws in that caſe made and provided But the ſame is not to be conſtrued to extend to the two Univerſiries for therein every man may compoſe and read his own works on condition that he doth not impoſe the reading thereof on any perſon elſe which ſhall be conſtrued to be an aſſault.

Thirdly to the intent that there may be always a ſufficient number of under graduates we do order that each of the ſaid poets in every pariſh ward or precinct ſhall have two or more agents or ſubalterns who are to be called minors and are to learn the art trade and myſtery of poetry in all its parts and branches by being entruſted with making the rhimes punns poſies epitaphs conceits beginnings without ends and ends without beginnings &c. who ſhall be the only candidates to ſucceed upon the demiſe of any poet within their own ward and out of whom one ſhall be choſen to ſerve in his ſtead. Such election to be always the firſt day of April next enſuing the ſaid demiſe of ſuch poet And the ſaid minor to be elected poet by a majority of votes of the moſt able critics within his ſaid pariſh ward or precinct But in every of the ſaid ballottings &c. all poſſible care is to be taken to prevent bribery falſe returns and undue elections. And towards the maintenance of the ſaid undertakers in poetry and to raiſe the demands for their works And for the better encouragement of the minors who thro' hopes of preferment will no doubt æmulouſly imitate their ſaid ſuperiors As alſo for the facilitating the qualifications neceſſary to form an adept and as far as in us lies to leſſen the load of learned lumber which hath long lain heavy upon our ſubjects and which have always been required to be firſt looked over before any perſon could be termed one of the Literati Therefore as a more ſpeedy and effectual way for thoſe who wou'd willingly be learned without ſo much pains to get at it and conſidering that to be reputed to have learning is as ſatisfactory to many thouſands of our ſubjects as it is really to have it And for divers other good cauſes and conſiderations us thereunto moving *We do order* That all perſons who are deſirous to be eſteemed critics in polite literature ſhall carefully read over all and every the productions of the reſpective poets and minors belonging to their reſpective pariſh ward or precinct not deſiring them to read any thing elſe *And we do declare* That all thoſe who can make it appear they have for the ſpace of one year painfully applied themſelves to the reading and finding out the meanings of their poetical paſtors ſhall from that time be adjudged and they are hereby declared to be ſtanch mellow critics profound adepts and univerſal Literati And in order to deter our ſubjects from diſobeying us in any of the aforeſaid particulars *It is further ordered and decreed* That no one whatever ſhall preſume to read any works or writings of any other poets than thoſe of his own pariſh ward or precinct excepting only ſuch which ſhall appear to have been licenced by our particular favour and ſuch as are herein after excepted And that if any perſon ſhall be found to ſtudy or peruſe the works of any of the ſaid extra-men ſhall evermore be eſteemed a ſeditious member and ſhall be confined for 2 days after every ſuch offence without having any nouriſhment but what they ſhall receive by the peruſal of thoſe heterodox authors and ſhall live in ignominy and die in contempt without being celebrated or even mentioned by the poets of their reſpective pariſhes wards or precincts.

Provided always nevertheleſs And it is hereby intended That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for all perſons to read meditate and digeſt all things that are or ſhall be printed and publiſhed in a Paper commonly called the Grub-ſtreet Journal the ſame being under our particular inſpection and licenſed by our Secretary As alſo that it ſhall and may be lawful to ruminate upon all papers on political ſubjects on both ſides the queſtion every of whoſe ſubjects being rubbed threadbare we eſteem as devoted to our uſe and ſervice together with all theatrical productions of late compoſition the ſame having been wrote by our liege ſubjects.

And laſtly, It is ordered by our particular grace and favour to them reſpectively ſhown and as a recompence for their many and great ſervices to us and in our behalf done and performed That C—— C—— Eſq; and E—— B—— Eſq; whom we have adopted as our ſons be appointed and they are hereby appointed poets for the following places to wit the former of theſe for the verge of the Court and the latter for all the Diviſions of Moorfields But this our eſpecial appointment of our own well beloved ſons is not to prejudice the freedom of elections in other places ſince it is apparent that no poet or minor whatſoever could ſo well ſupply the offices to which they are called For that none but politicians can approve of the one and none but madmen admit of the other.

Given at our Court held on Lammas-day in the fourth year of our reign as witneſs our mark *

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY. *Sept.* 11. The hon. Mrs. Vane, who has been dangerouſly ill at Wimbleton, is very well recover'd. —— The right hon. the lord Compton, ſon to the earl of Northampton, who has been very ill, is alſo in a fair way of recovery. *DA.*

On tueſday at a court of aſſiſtants at Surgeon's-hall, Mr. Benj. Lee, of Saffron-hill, an eminent ſurgeon, was unanimouſly choſen maſter of anatomy for 2 years. *DJ.* —— Mr. Will. Willett, an eminent ſurgeon on Saffron-hill, and Mr. Benj. Lee, were choſen maſters for the year enſuing. *DJ. Sept.* 12.

On tueſday John Ellis of Gray's Inn, Eſq; return'd from Tunbridge to his chambers in Coney-court, diſcover'd that he had been robb'd of plate, &c. and 20 l. in money: and his ſervant of 300 l. [250 l. *C.*] which he had tav'd up. 'Tis remarkable, that all the places opened were lock'd up again, and no ſigns of violence remaining. *DA.*

On monday morning 7 ſmugglers coming up Linsfield-hill in Kent towards London with 7 horſes loaded with upwards of 900 weight of tea, were attack'd by ſome

officers, assisted with a party of dragoons, upon which a smart battle ensu'd, when a dragoon was wounded, and 'tis thought mortally, and one of the smugglers had his thigh shattered to pieces; but the smugglers at last quitted the field, &c. *DP.*

Yesterday Mr. Davis, the under clerk of All hallows the Great in Thames-street, and Mr. Grimes, the under-beadle of Dowgate ward, having drank punch very freely, went afterwards to another place, where the former drank 3 gills of brandy, and died on the spot; the latter drank two, and is dangerously ill. *DP.*

Married a few days since, at Bury in Suffolk, Dr. Hartley, an eminent physician, to Miss Packer of Shellingford-castle in Berks, an agreeable young lady, with 10,000 l. fortune. *LP.*

Died on friday at Scarborough of the gout in his stomach, Franc. Benzil, of Carlton, Esq; *DA.* —— Saturday at Lestone in Suffolk of a fall from his horse, Offly Jenny, Esq; *LP.* ——— Yesterday at Low-Layton, Tho. Jesse, Esq; of Furnival's Inn. *DA.*

On monday night a boat with 3 young gentlemen going to Chatham, was overset beyond Woolwich, and 2 of them were drowned. *DA.*

FRIDAY, *Sept.* 12. Mr. Arthur Rawlinson, high constable of Westm. is appointed surveyor of oyls to his royal highness the Prince. *LP.*

Yesterday morning, their graces the duke and dutchess of Dorset, &c. set out for Holyhead, to embark for Ireland. *DA. LP. G.* ——— The right hon. the earl of Godolphin set out for his seat at Hogmagog-hills near Cambridge. *LP.* ——— And the right hon. the earl of Burlington for his seat at Lanesborough in Yorkshire: her ladyship being indisposed continues in town. *DJ.* ——— She is so well recovered, that she will go in waiting at Kensington, &c. *DA.*

His grace the duke of Marlborough is raising a large and spacious mount in Windsor-forest, which will command a very large and beautiful prospect. *LP.*

From Southampton we learn, that the earl of Peterborough is finely recovered, &c. and that he has never been so bad as reported. *LP.* —— *My brother sent his lordship on tuesday last beyond sea.*

The bishop of Ely continues dangerously ill at Hammersmith. *G.* —— This report is without foundation. *P. Sept.* 16.

On tuesday at the Burgess-court at Westm. Mr. Noel [Nowell. *DJ.*] a very considerable dealer in horses, was elected chief Burgess, in the room of Mr. French. —— Capt. Skelton was elected assistant Burgess in his room. *G.*

Mr. Roberts the engineer from Flintshire, having near finish'd his machine for carrying off the water of Rosamond's pond, the same will begin to operate in a few days: if his scheme succeeds, the pond is to be fill'd up with earth, and trees are to be planted thereon; he is next to clean the canal, which is to be considerably extended towards Buckingham-house, and gravel walks with handsome rows of trees made on each side. *LP.*

There is now an American Aloe in the gardens of Mrs. Stephens of Epsom in its full bloom, shooting out 160 branches, and is 13 foot high. &c. *DA.*

Married last week, Edw. Hasiel, Esq; son of the late Sir Edward, to Miss Julian Musgrave, 2d daughter of Sir Christopher, of Eden-hall, Bar. a beautiful young lady, with a good fortune. *G.* — On tuesday John Watts of Lancaster, Esq; to Miss Carolina Tatton, a beautiful young lady with 10,000 l. fortune. *P.* — Tho. Borret, Esq; to Miss Seawen, daughter of the late Sir Thomas. *P.* —— A very agreeable young lady, with 12,000 l. fortune. *DJ.* — —— This report is groundless. *G. Sept.* 13. ——— Sir Edw. Dering, to Mrs. Monpesson, a young widow lady, with a large fortune. *DA.* —— A widow gentlewoman of a plentiful fortune. *G.* —— A very agreeable young widow lady of 30,000 l. fortune. *LP.* ——— In the Fleet Mrs. Sarah Vincent, aged about 74, a fortune of 300 l. per ann. to Mr. Pet Hale, called Capt. Hale, about 21; though he had no fortune nor business to follow, had been so dextrous at Ombre, that by the Spadilla, carried the Manille and game. He was born at Portsmouth, a very ingenious Petty Maitre: his father was a shoemaker's apprentice, and had the like chance in marrying a captains widow there, but proved to be such a drinker, as to expend in a few years her estate and fortune. *P.*

Died last week at Wrentham, near Beeles in Suffolk, Humphrey Brewster, Esq; *LP.* ——— Saturday of a fit of the cholick, the hon. Fairfax Erskine, Esq; 2d son to the earl of Buchan. *DP. DA.* ——— Yesterday Jam. Thirlby of Taunton in Somersetshire, Esq; *P. DP.* — This report is groundless. *G. Sept.* 13.

SATURDAY, *Sept.* 13. Yesterday the grand Jury of London made a presentment at the Old Bailey of the great nuisance the many gin-shops are, as harbouring rogues, &c. the court approv'd of it, and assured them that the lord mayor, would do all that in him lay to discourage, and intirely destroy so intolerable a grievance. *DP.*

Last friday and saturday, Mr. Grey of Brook-street, rode 2 of his horses 220 miles, which is thought to be the greatest dispatch ever known. *G.*

We hear that a certain attorney, who officiated for Macray, has been charged by a warrant, from Mr. Baron Thompson, with subornation of perjury. *G.*

Last week as a grazier of Dunstable, who had been to Northampton to buy sheep, was returning home, the waters were so prodigiously out, that he, his boy, and most of his sheep, were drown'd. *DA.*

Married on tuesday John Barlow, of Colby in Pembrokeshire, Esq; to the only daughter of Ric. Shrine, of Warley near Bath, Esq; *DP. LP.* —— On thursday And. Writhes, a Scotch Gentleman, to Miss Mary Penrose, a beautiful young lady of about 18,000 l. fortune. *P.* ——— Capt. Sam. Collet, lately come from the West Indies, with a fortune of near 100,000 l. to Miss Lewen, of Lee in Kent, a young lady of a very agreeable person, and extraordinary accomplishments. *G.* —— Nath. Edwards, of Bath, Esq; to Miss Davies of Monmouth. *DA.*

Died a few days since at Oxford, Dr. Tho. Terry, cannon of Christ-church, and Regius Professor of the Greek tongue. *DP.* ——— On monday in her 68th year in Piccadilly, Mrs. Arabella Butler, a relation of the late duke of Ormonds. *DP.*

MONDAY, *Sept* 15. Yesterday the rev. Dr. Cowper [Mr. Cowper. *DA.*] preached before her majesty, &c. ——— And the rev. Dr. Burrell before the Duke, &c. *P. C.*

Last saturday a fine model of a house, made of pear-tree, was shewn to her majesty, made by Mr. Marsden of Vine-street, Westm. designed for a hunting seat for his majesty, to be built either in Richmond or Bushy-park. Her majesty was exceedingly well pleased with it, it being reckon'd as curious a piece of workmanship as any of that kind ever seen. *LP.*

We hear that Sir Hans Sloane has presented her majesty with several kinds of rarities, to be put into Merlin's cave. *P.*

Mr. Batty Langley, having lately made for his grace the duke of Kent, 2 magnificent designs (represented by models) for 2 Amphitheatres, after the old Roman manner, the one convex, and the other concave, his grace has ordered them to be erected in his most noble, extensive, and delightful gardens at Wresthouse in Bedfordshire. *G.*

Saturday her grace the dutchess of Devonshire was safely deliver'd of a daughter in Piccadilly. *DA. G.*

Her grace the dutchess of Bedford continues dangerously ill in Bloomsbury-square. *DA.* ——— Last night there was little hopes of her recovery. *DP.* —— She is so well recovered, that this week she will return into the country. *P.*

On saturday the right hon. the earl of Leicester was at his seat in Kent dangerously ill of the gout in his stomach. *P.*

The right hon. the earl of Clencarty hath commenced a suit for the rents and profits of certain estates in Ireland, amounting to upwards of 70,000 l. his lordship apprehending they were not forfeited by the attainder of the earl of Clencarty, in the reign of king William 3d, he being only tenant for life; so forfeited only during his life. *LP.*

We are informed that near 500 l. is already subscrib'd for Mr. Steph. Duck's works. *LP.*

On thursday the sum of 1741 l. 18 s. 6 d. was paid into the Bank, collected for the colony of Georgia, in the parish of S. John at Hackney. *DA.*

The floods are so prodigiously out in the counties, that 'tis become dangerous to travel. At Tewksbury in Gloucestershire, the meadows where the horse-races were to have been on monday next, are some feet under water, and that the gentlemen have been obliged to put off their diversion. *DA.*

Died on thursday in Gloucestershire, aged near 80, Rob. Tracy, Esq; *LP.*

TUESDAY, *Sept.* 16. His majesty's ship the Gibraltar, Capt. Durell, is appointed to carry over the right hon. the earl of Peterborough to Lisbon: his physician being of opinion, that the air of Portugal would be as serviceable as that of Montpellier. His health is as good as has been for some months past, and his spirits keep up to a miracle. *DA.*

Yesterday morning the lady of Rob. Byng, Esq; was safely deliver'd of a son and heir. *DP. DA. LP.*

Yesterday morning a gentleman of some fashion went to Kensington, and upon her majesty's getting into her coach, behav'd himself so like a madman, that he was ordered into the care of Mr. Lowman, the house-keeper, &c. *DA.* ——— Mr. Conundrum *thinks it strange, that* a gentle—man *should* behave himself so like a mad—man *as to be* ordered into the care of Mr. Low—man.

On saturday 2 officers bringing to the Custom-house some tea, &c. seized last week in Essex, were attack'd near Chelmsford by 10 smugglers, who took from them the said goods. The officers were guarded by 4 men well arm'd, who made no resistance against the smugglers; whereupon they tied them to a tree, &c. *P.* —— *I can't believe that these* 4 well-armed men *were any of his majesty's dragoons: and think that they very well deserv'd* to be tied to a tree.

On saturday night, Mr. Baron Thompson going out of the Court at the Old Bailey to his chariot, some persons had the insolence to fling water over the spikes near the door, which fell upon his lordship; whereupon the doors were order'd to be shut immediately, and two persons were taken into custody on that account, who were brought to the bar yesterday at the Old Baily; when one of them having deliver'd to his lordship a petition, setting forth his great sorrow for his offence, and that it was accidental and undesign'd, &c. his lordship, with a great deal of good nature, was pleas'd to forgive him the offence; and declared, that tho' he might forgive a personal affront, he would never suffer the commission he was executing to be insulted, &c. *LP.* —— Mr. Conundrum *is apt to think, that these* persons *were 2 Ir—shmen.*

By several persons who came yesterday to town from Sturbich fair, we are assur'd, that the fair hitherto has been pretty good, and the weather fine; that every species of goods usually vended there sold well, except horses and other cattle, which bore but a small price, and but few buyers, notwithstanding the great plenty of after-grass round those parts. *LP.*

They write from Worcester, that last sunday seven-night there was a tempestuous wind, attended with so very fierce rains, as if the clouds had burst, whereby the next day the water ran like rivers thro' the streets of several neighbouring towns, particularly Droitwich, where the inhabitants were forced to make up into their chambers, and where some hundreds of pounds damage was done to their salt and other goods. A man on horseback coming from Bromesgrove to the said town, was borne down by the torrent, and saved his life by catching hold of a twig; but his horse was drowned. All, or most of the gates about Ombersley, were likewise borne down by the force of the torrent. And at Stratford upon Avon, a man and horse were both drowned; and a waggon load of Flax, which stood in an adjacent meadow without any horses, was borne away by the great force of the water. The town of Alcaster suffer'd much. At Pershore the wooden bridges were carried away, and considerable other damages happen'd thereabout. *LP. G.*

Married yesterday Will. Adams, Esq; to Miss Eleanor Watkins, a beautiful young lady, with a fortune of 15,000 l. *DJ.*

Died on sunday the 7th inst. aged 51, the rev. Mr. John Taylor, A. M. rector of Colton in Staffordshire. ——— Last week the rev. Dr. Newey, dean of Chichester. —— On sunday in Petty-France, Westm. Abr. Cowell, Esq; *DJ.*

Bristol, Sept. 13. Capt. Newth, condemn'd on wednesday here for the murder of his wife, took a large dose of poison, and died in the condemn'd-hold in Newgate. This is the 3d time he attempted to destroy himself. *P. DP. LP. G.*

WEDNESDAY, *Sept.* 17. The Lord Visc. Tyrawley is expected here from Lisbon in about 3 weeks, having obtained leave to return for a short time, to settle his private affairs. *LP.* ——— Her grace the dutchess of Queensbury has found so great a benefit from the Spaw in Germany, that she is entirely recovered. *P.*

Yesterday morning, as Miss Philips was riding through Hide-park, her horse threw her, and her foot hanging in the stirrup, she was dragg'd near 20 yards before the horse could be stopp'd; whereby her foot was dislocated, and her body very much bruised. *LP.*

Died on sunday at Gravesend, the Lady of Sir John Brown. *P.* ——— At Isleworth in Middlesex, Mrs. Waters, a widow gentlewoman of a very good estate. ——— At Havre, near Hampton-town, Mrs. Dering, widow of Capt. Dering: she has left 3000 l. to her two nieces, and one shilling to their brother. *DP.* ——— Yesterday at Hampstead, in his 73d year, Mr. John Higden, sen. *LP.*

Yesterday morning Mr. Will. Seaton, son of a noted druggist near Covent-garden, drove with a chaise into the Serpentine river to water the horse, when finding him immediately out of his depth, he leapt out of the chaise to save himself, but was unfortunately drowned. *DP. DA. LP.* ——— He stuck in the clay. *DJ. G.* ——Mr. Weeden a coal-merchant in Wapping, stepping out of one collier into another, fell between both and was drowned.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

On ſeeing a MISER *at the late conſort in Spring-garden's.*

Muſick has charms to ſooth a ſavage breaſt,
To calm the tyrant, and relieve th' oppreſt:
But VAUX-HALL conſort's more attractive pow'r,
Unlock'd SIR RICHARD's pocket at three-ſcore:
O ſtrange effect of Muſick's matchleſs force,
T' extract two ſhillings from a MISER's purſe!

Dublin, Sept. 6. *Married* on monday Hugh Eccles, Eſq; ſon to the late Sir John, to the only daughter of If. Ambroſe, Eſq; a lady of great character, and a fortune of about 20,000 l. *P. G.* —— A lady of great merit, &c. *LP.* —— Laſt week Sir Alex. Staples, Bar. to Miſs Abigail Townley of the county of Cavan, a lady of great merit and beauty, and a fortune of 5,000 l. *G.*

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Sept.* 11. —— *Mirandola, Sept.* 1. The garriſon having ſpent all their powder, ſurrender'd yeſterday priſoners of war. *G.*

Letters from Madrid ſay, that the late duke of Ormond has been very much out of order, but that he has got pretty well again. *LP.*

FRIDAY, *Sept.* 12 —— *Rome, Aug.* 27. The prince of Morocco was not impriſon'd for debt, but for other reaſons; and the Card. Corradini, protector of the new converts, having ſeverely reprimanded him for the ſame, the prince returned him ſuch an inſolent anſwer, as loſt him all manner of reſpect. *G.* —— This was not the prince of Morocco; but the fellow was an Algerine, who being ſent in the quality of an ambaſſador to another court, from the king of Morocco, came here and embraced the Catholick religion. The real prince of Morocco ſhines with all the noble and royal virtues of a prince, and has diſtinguiſhed himſelf as ſuch by his manners and behaviour. *DJ. Sept.* 13.

SATURDAY, *Sept.* 13. A report having been current in the Imperial camp, that prince Eugene was about to quit the army, the ſoldiers laſt week, when he was reviewing them, cry'd out, *May his highneſs long live the father of our army, but let him not leave us.* DA.

From Dantzick of the 9th, they write, that ſeveral dyetines of Poland and Poliſh Pruſſia, highly reſent the animoſity which ſome Roman Catholicks have lately ſhewn againſt the Proteſtants. Their indiſcreet zeal appeared moſt barefaced in the dyet of Great Poland, held at Szreda, where the Proteſtants could not get admittance, tho' it was cuſtomary for them to aſſiſt therein. In vain did they alledge their rights, grounded upon perſcriptive poſſeſſion, and the laws of the land. They were ſtigmatized with the names of hereticks and ſectaries, and threaten'd with the ſame treatment as heretofore the Arians. Some wiſe and conſiderate men among the Roman Catholicks, members of that dyet, offered to put in a word in behalf of the Non-conformiſts, that they might be left in the enjoyment of their right: no ſooner were they heard to take the part of the Proteſtants, but there was a general out-cry, that thoſe members were *falſe brethren*, and *propagators of Hereſy*. The Non-conformiſts, to prevent the diſturbance from being inflamed by their preſence, retired from the aſſembly, proteſting againſt the violence and injuſtice that was done them. In a well-regulated dyet, ſuch a ſtep would have put an end to the deliberations at once. 'Twas not ſo at Szreda. The hot-headed Nuncios looked upon the departure of the Non-conformiſts as a means of deliberating more to the purpoſe. They obliged the other members to be of their opinion, and to give votes to a dozen Roman Catholick members, who were elected for the general dyet, whereas the conſtant immemorial uſage had been, to chooſe ſix Roman Catholick deputies and ſix Proteſtants. *LP.*

MONDAY, *Sept.* 15. They write from Paris, that the 19th, N. S. the Venetian ambaſſador, complaining that the French troops had entered the Republick's territories, and inſinuating, that in caſe they were not recall'd, the ſenate would be oblig'd to exert itſelf; Card. Fleury anſwer'd for the king, and told him, *Sir, your Republick may do as it will; we fancy your ſenate will be inclined to ſide with us at laſt, for we ſhall prove the ſtrongeſt party.* DA. —— An Engliſh gentleman laid a wager of 500 guineas againſt 300 with a French nobleman, that before the 17th inſt. N. S. Prince Eugene would paſs the Rhine, and give battle to the French: the Engliſh gentleman has ſince paid the ſame. *P.*

Letters of the 7th inſt. from Vienna, ſay, that M. Siedniecky, whom king Staniſlaus had ſent to Conſtantinople, with the character of his miniſter, and who afterwards owned king Auguſtus III. going to preſent his new credentials to the Turkiſh miniſters, the latter, after reproaching him for a traitor, put him immediately into a cart, and ſent him priſoner to the caſtle of Adrianople. *G.*

TUESDAY, *Sept.* 16. —— *Liſbon, Aug.* 8. Don Joſ. de Couto Peſtana, profeſſed knight of the order of Chriſt, and treaſurer of the general treaſury, died the 7th. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Sept.* 17. They write from Vienna that the emperor has made the Baron de Stentz a general, in recompence of his gallant defence of Mirandola, which he did not give up until he was reduced to 36 cannon balls and 4 barrels of powder. *DP.*

They write from *Wezel*, that a horrid conſpiracy was diſcover'd ſome days ago, which had been formed by ſeveral ſoldiers of the garriſon, to ſet fire to this town, &c. The meaſures for apprehending them were ſo well concerted, that not one of the villains eſcaped; and ſeveral wheels and gibbets are preparing for their execution, &c. *DP. LP. G.*

They duke of Montemar has ſent to the ſenate of Genoa, to demand that all the deſerters from the Spaniſh army, who have taken refuge in Corſica, be immediately given up; and that in caſe the Republick neglect a moment to deliver them back, he will ſend troops to fetch them by force. The Inhabitants of the port of Specie belonging to the Genoeſe, have rais'd an inſurrection againſt their maſters. *DP.*

They adviſe from Venice, that the plague was broke out again in Turky; that 100,000 Tartars, under the orders of their Cham, had paſs'd the Ruſſian province of Cubardia, and had enter'd the Dagheſtan; that a rupture between the Grand Seignior and the Czarina was thought unavoidable; that her Czariſh majeſty had ſent a fleet into the Black Sea, to aſſiſt at the ſiege of Aſoph; and that Gianum-Coggia, the grand Admiral of the Ottoman Empire, was ſail'd from the Dardanelles, with 10 large ſhips and 18 galleys, for the ſame ſea, in hopes of defeating the Ruſſians, and relieving Aſoph, in caſe it ſhould be attack'd. *DP.*

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